## GOVERNOR PORTER'S MESSAGE

To the Forty-First General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of

Treasury, the Secretary of the State, the General Assembly, and its acceptance ear-Treasurer, the State Superintendent of nestly recommended. I am satisfied that Public Schools, the Superintendent of the the creditors making this proposition would Bureau of Agriculture, Statistics, Mines and Immigration, of the Trustees of the | 000,000, the annual interest upon this sum, School for the Blind, of the President and at six per cent., would amount to \$728,220. Trustees of the University of East Tennes. | 00. I do not hesitate to again urge the acsee, of the President of the State Normal ceptance of this proposition. the affairs of the State.

State tax of ten cents for the years 1877-78. further legislation. The disbursements for the same period amounted to \$1,661,869.79, balance, \$478,-346.04, from which is to be deducted the

carried an outstanding warrant account, and expenses. The State has paid for this than it is to protect him against the rayages bear the name of one of its divisions which it is believed has no existence, and purpose, during the past two years, the sum of epidemic diseases, and there is certain- the Trustees ask that it shall be called there is no doubt that it is the result of an of \$389,585.63, and during the continuance | ly no burden for the tax payer that will be | the University of Tennessee, and I error of calculation, by whom or when com- of our present system there can be no ma- carried with so much cheerfulness as that heartily join in the recommendation. mitted it is impossible to tell. On the 19th | terial reduction. Tennessee is one of five, | created for the preservation of the health of | Free tultion is secured to two hundred of December, 1876, this outstanding war- out of thirty-eight States of the Union, his family. rant account amounted to \$129,060.21. where criminal prosecutions are made a A State so desolated as Tennessee has are appointed upon the recommenda-There has been presented and paid on this account warrants amounting to \$33,930.87, of them the counties where crimes are comshowing that the outstanding warrants not mitted pay all costs, and the result in these plagues, should appropriate not less than presented in two years amounted to \$95,- thirty three States is that the local officers | ten thousand dollars per annum for the cur-129.34, at a time when the Treasurer was are more active and vigilant in preventing rent work of the Board of Health, and clothe paying all warrants on presentation. Of extravagant charges, and I am satisfied it with authority to quarantine the whole or the warrants issued since December, 19th, that where local responsibility is provided, any part of the State against infected tion, and I believe it would be wise to 1876, amounting to \$1,632,529.81, the bills of cost will be subjected to a scrutiny points Treasurer has paid \$1,627,938.92, leaving they cannot now receive; the Comptrolle

\$1,044.414.00, or to the sum of \$544,014.00 been referred to the per annum; this statement shows a reduction of the current expense account in ten years that must be full of encouragement to the tax payer. Further large reductions to the tax payer of the University: this sarge unmber of State students, and larger number of State stude can be made by the adoption of certain economy, and by bringing the subject di- 214,578; which was an increase of 33,463 of State Students to constant attendchanges recommended in this message and rectly before the people, they would stimu- over the enrollment for the previous scholas- ance would give it strength and digin the able report of the Comptroller. The late greater vigilance on the part of officials the year. The enrollment for the scholas the year, and bearing interest from early completion of the work. This can neighborhood in the Siste. The Memphis and Charleston Railroad, date at the rate of 7 3 10 per cent, per be secured if the General Assembly will and 1869 amounted to \$1,943,663.54; for the years 1870 and 1871 it was \$1,519,088.00; for 1873 and 1874 it was \$1,324, has paid \$391,385.56. 088.00; for 1873 and 1874 it was \$1,324, has paid \$331,285.56.

tion, and for certainty in collections and in

lectors of the revenue. In addition to the fees paid to collectors, there is now an annual loss to the State of about one-tenth of the revenue paid out in costs and fees by defaults. I cannot understand why the midst of his friends. I cannot understand why the midst of his friends, the victim of the States where its pursuance of the wind entering and discipline, or the control of the States where its pursuance of the wind entering and the claim of the States where its pursuance of the wind entering and the claim of the States where its pursuance of the wind entering and the claim of the States where its inmates are under better moral trains against the United States for keeping rary 23d, 1877. I transmit the official result in any of the State is not enrolled, it does not follow that the same children have not been pursuance of the wind entering against the United States for keeping rary 23d, 1877. I transmit the official result in the same children have not been in and efficient Prustees of this hospital, and efficient Prustees of this hospital, because of the wind entering the result of the revenue and discipline, or where the sick of the same children have not been in and efficient Prustees of this hospital, and efficient Prustees of the revenue and discipline, or where the sick of the same children have not been in and efficient Prustees of the revenue and efficient Prustees of the revenue and efficient Prustees of the same children have not been in and efficient Prustees of the wind entering the result of the State is not enrolled. I have had the claim of the state of the wind entering the result of the revenue and efficient Prustees of the wind entering the result of the states for keeping and efficient Prustees of the wind entering the result of the revenue and efficient Prustees of the wind entering the result of the states will realize the sum of the states will realize the states for keeping and efficient Prustees of the wind entering the result of the states will realize the states of the states will defaults. I cannot understand why the revenues of the State should be exhausted Citizens of the State complain that the during the past six years, and have acquired it health. Major Anor lost by the lackes of collectors. No levy of taxes should be made except the precise sum necessary to meet the particular oblisum necessary to meet t gations, but this sum should be reliable and the complaint is a well-founded one, and I steady increase in the convicts was available. This seems impossible under know of no more acceptable service to the tendance. Our school system is pre-emi-sion and settlement I have always state and reliable and the complaint is a well-founded one, and I steady increase in the convicts was quent occurrence, but in their discus- wool exhibition.

The death of these honored citizens sion and settlement I have always state and reliable and the complaint is a well-founded one, and I steady increase in the convicts was quent occurrence, but in their discus- wool exhibition. our system. Certainty can be secured by making the several counties liable for the making the several counties liable for the paid by litigants in the courts of Tennesmaking the several counties liable for the quota of the State tax assessed within it, see are largely in excess of the costs paid to the friends of popular education. The only a wise one; its success is assured, and its results are full of encouragement to and its results are full of fairness and frankness, and with a disposition to maintain advice, expended \$4,971.77, of the public ments are made quarterly, and have been mently a wise one; its success is assured, and its results are full of encouragement to advice, expended \$4,971.77, of the public ments are made quarterly, and have been mently a wise one; its success is assured, and its results are full of encouragement to an antition of the first and its results are full of encouragement to an antition of the first and its results are full of encouragement to a spirit of fairness and frankness, and the first and its results are full of encouragement to a spirit of fairness and frankness. In a spirit of fairness and frankness, and the first and its results are full of encouragement to a spirit of fairness and frankness. In a spirit of fairness and frankness, and the first and t and charge the counties for the defaults, by citizens of several of the adjoining States | recommendation I make concerning it is to evasions and errors committed by their own for the same service, and are unreasonable repeat one made by a committee appointed

The total value of the property of the State assessed for taxation for the year 1875 | Burton and James J. Turner were apamounts to \$223,212,153.00, showing a de- pointed and commissioned as Judges of crease since 1877 of \$13,696,695.00. The the Court of Arbitration provided by the alty is out of all proportion to that in realty, it is assessed. Real estate pays the largest to bear his part of the public burden.

to all questions of legislation that can en- cords of causes appealed to the Sapreme State has never made a contribution BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE, STATIS- lished Nashville was a village, and its gage the attention of the General Assembly: Court are made voluminous by the incor. to it. One hundre I and eight stuit involves the honor and good name of poration of all records and the statements dents, of both sexes, were in attend- In transmitting the biennial report now it is almost in the heart of a growone of its citizens; it is a liability that the court below; the result is, that the nine were from Tennessee, nineteen I invite the members of the General ment—now an absolute necessity.

of our resources, now in full fruition, the judgments for money, will discourage apwhole debt could be paid without serious peals that are not meritorious. principal as to bring its payment within the estness. ability of the State, without making it burlensome. In December, 1877, certain crediters of the State proposed to adjust that part of the debt held by themselves, upon a basis of fifty cents for principal and past ed mobs. The power with which the Execudue interest, and offered assurances that the great body of the creditors would accept still make the adjustment; settled at fifty cents, the debt would amount to \$12,137,-

I cannot be mistaken in the opinion that

CRIMINAL EXPENSES.

The Comptroller's books have for years | the several counties to pay their own crimi- property of the citizen is not more binding of the State, and should no longer only a balance of \$4,590.88 outstanding. of the Treasury, in auditing these bills of The current expenses of the State gov- cost, is only required by law to see that the ernment for the past two years amount to several items are taxed in accordance with

payments.

The Appropriation Bill, passed by the Error in assessment is one of the reasons assigned for this large delinquent list. This assigned for this large delinquent list. This compliance with the Constitutional provisassigned for this large delinquent list. This can be equalized by the County Court action as a Board of Supervisors, and making as a Board of Supervisors, and making large as a Board of Supervisors, and making large delinquent list. This compliance with the Constitutional provision that no money shall be drawn from the past it should be clearly defined—nothing any school, public or private, for the past it should be laft to custom or be permitted in the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in any school, public or private, for the past it should be laft to custom or be permitted. This result is in some cases charge the school, public or private, for the past it, and I am satisfied after making it, and I am satisfied after making authorize an adjustment of the courtrelation. can be equalized by the County Court act ion that no money shall be drawn from the the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age, who were not enrolled in of the scholastic age. Board of Equalization, composed of the Governor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitutional duty of maintainGovernor and other executive officers, alone as a Constitution of the Another explanation of this delinquent list ing legislative authority and responsibility, demands the services of the child at home; is the failure and defalcation of the col- but as the only method of securing certain but while this large per cent. of the children tution in any of the States where its

and excessive and ought to be reduced.

ARBITRATION COMMISSION. Messrs. E. L. Gardenhire, John W.

personal property assessed for the year 1878 | Act approved March 23, 1877, and Messrs. amounts to \$20,871,338.00. In 1875, the L. D. McKissick, Howell E. Jackson and year of the greatest prostration in business, John T. Carthell were appointed and the personal property of the State was assessed at \$37,231,908.00. It is very clear provided by the Act approved March 23, vated the standard of teaching, and have structure and seventy have been the standard of teaching, and have structure and approved the standard of teaching, and have that the shrinkage in the value of person- 1877; subsequently Henry Craft was ap- added much to the popularity of the school pointed vice Judge Jackson resigned, and and that in fact not more than one-half of B. M. Estes was appointed vice Judge Carthell resigned. In my message to the part of the revenue; it can be reached at | Fortieth General Assembly, I stated that: "In spite of the industry of the Judges the present able State Superintendent. He all times—no evasions can conceal it. Justice to the land owners demands that the labors of the Courts of Arbitration for holder of personal property should be made labors of the Courts of Arbitration for the County Superintendents, but the respon-Middle and West Tennessee, the business sibility of a successful administration of his of the Supreme Court continues to accu- department has devolved on himself, and The State has issued 49,393 Bends, amounting to \$49,173,316.66; the number of this court can be heard. The number of the number cancelled is 28,385, amounting to \$28,163, causes already filed at Nashville would cancelled is 28,385, amounting to \$28,163; occupy the court for a year. It is need hability against the State is 20,249, amounting to \$20,221,300.00. In ten years the State has paid three installments of interest, and electron of the first of January, and from the first of January. This college closed its third annual term on the 29th of May, 1878.

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OF EUROPEEN AND STREET

embarrassment to any one. But the cred- The condition of the docket is unchanged, itors themselves have relieved the State of and consequent events have satisfied me of the necessity of providing for the entire the wisdom of the recommendation then debt by offering such an abatement of the | made, which I renew with the utmost earn-

It is to be regretted that in a few localithe removal and murder of prisoners by armtive is clothed has been employed to bring mendable zeal in their efforts to discover the authors of the outrages.

The provisions of the Criminal Code are lequate for the punishment of jail-breakers and murderers; all that is wanted is the

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. Under the authority of the Act approved College, of the Librarian, of the Superin- the people of the State are anxious to be 26 March, 1877, providing for a State Board extend its benefits and to aid in its tendent of the Penintentiary, of the Fish delivered from a farther discussion of this of Health, I commissioned Drs. J. D. Plun-Commissioners of the Trustees of the question and from a longer postponement | kett, T. A. Atchison and J. M. Safford, of School for the Deaf and Dumb, herewith of its settlement. If this recommendation the county of Davidson, Dr. E. M. Wight, is adopted, the Comptroller should be in- of the county of Hamilton, and Dr. R. B. transmitted, show in detail the condition of vested with authority, after a day to be fixed Maury, of the county of Shelby. Recent by law, to make publication, with notice to events have demonstrated the importance of financial agents of the several counties, a more efficient organization of this Board. announcing the number of old bonds re- It should be provided with money, and with recovery that was not anticipated, and The reports of the Comptroller and turned and cancelled, with the number of authority to publish and enforce intelligent it is now invested in the bonds of the tempt to make this requirement of the new bonds issued, and the amount of receipts for two new bonds issued, and the amount of receipts for two new bonds issued, and the amount of reversalized to the new complaints of the requirement of servation satisfies me that this pay is years ending December 10, 1878, of nue to be provided to meet the interest, with this subject, it is believed, would have se-\$238,077.95 was derived from the levy of a essary levy to meet the interest without tution of which they were the helpless vic dered. time. The cholera, in epidemic form, has made its appearance on the eastern coast of China, at a point with which the United The following recommendation was made | States maintain close commercial relations. warrants outstanding, \$99,720.23, and to the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth General Its march, so far, is upon its usual line of balance appropriated by the Fortieth Gen- | Assembly, and I again urge its adoption. | travel, and it will be criminal negligence | sideration of the General Assembly. eral Assembly, but not expended, amount- I renew the recommendation made two in the State if no measures are adopted to This institution of learning is under ing to \$87,521.86, leaving an actual balance years ago to the Thirty-ninth General As- exclude it from her borders. The obligation of sembly, for the passage of an Act requiring | tion of the State to protect the person and | the State, and is, in fact, the University

The enumeration of the children of the tendance upon the schools for 1877 was colleges furnishes an ample course of 142,266, an increase of 16,358 over the year study to the student in any department

40th General Assembly, of which one of ceased. my most distinguished predecessors, Ex-Gov. Neil S. Brown, was Chairman, that it

be "let alone." The Teachers' Institutes and Conventions attendance coring the past year was hundred dollars per annum. But two for three of the States of the Union Court of Grandy county for murder, in the Circuit of Court of Grandy county for murder of Court o eral Congressional Districts, and presided is 193. They represent almost every realize a surplus from prison labor, over by the State Superintendent, were attended by many of the best teachers and thinked by many of the best teachers and think-

For the satisfactory condition of the publie schools during the past four years, the people of the State are mainly indebted to class of boys.

The settlement of this debt is paramount of the docket. The transcript of the re- the Peabody Education Fund; the \$33,499

confident that it offers advantages the Bureau. equal to any to be found elsewhere, and that it deserves the support of the State. If the students in attendance from the State represented all parts of it, the friends of the college would be more encouraged, but it happens that those who are seeking professional ies, the county jails have been violated, by training as teachers, are not always possessed of the pecuniary ability that become purchasers of homes. The will enable them to sojourn away from their homes. The consequence thrift—to occupy our large, unculti-The reports of the Comptroller of the mitted to an extra session of the Fortieth mendable realing their efforts to discover the city of Nashville. The superior adis, that those in attendance are mainly vantages offered by this college can not be equally distributed among those agree unoccupied. The value of farms who would like to enjoy them with-out assistance. The Peabody Trustees and the comparative feel that they have exhibited unusual small area in cultivation, is not creditdevelopment of a public sentiment that will liberality in establishing the college in stimulate and give courage to local offiliberality in establishing the college in the labors of the Commissioner of this for the maintenance of the Faculty, and I agree with them in the belief that the time has come for the State to forts for the next few years, the popusupport. The fund, amounting to \$26,256.81, recently appropriated to the State by the Federal Government for the care of prisoners, can, with great propriety, be appropriated to this purpose. This fund is paid for a service ion for public roads for the use of the for which the State expected no com- people. It is a matter of public notopersation when it was rendered, it is a

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

I transmit the sixth biennial report of the Trustees and Treasurer of East Tennessee University, and commend the recommendations made to the conand seventy-five State students. Two Board of Trustees recommend that a number of these scholarships should ce rlaced at the disposal of the S ate Superintendent of Schools. This sugrequire a certain per cent. of those to enter one of the higher college classes. This would be the means of tate within the ages of six and eighteen, securing a thorough education to a

tution vice Harler P. Anderson, debeen met as they mature, and the pro-ceased, and W. M. Wright, of Carroll ceeds passed into the Treasury. In Cases of by the State Teachers' Association to the county, vice Dr. Bethshares, de addition to this cash rental, the lessees from the 5th Judicial Circuit, where a

school in 1866, three hundred and of about the same number of Eurostruction, and seventy have been them, in Europe and America, the ingraduated; they are educated in all dustries of their respective localities tion is determined. I have advised BAILBOAD, TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS the branches of learning taught in the are pursued.

THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Is under excellent management and is in a flourishing condition. There ciency that will not fail to command the are eighty-five pupils now in attendance, their studies are the same as and forty-six dollars and sixty-one no relation to his duty as a seldler, wants of the yellow fever sufferers along seven are past due, amounting, after deducting \$149,050.00, paid to educational and charitable institutions to \$4,052,717.00 making a debt of principal and interest of \$24,274,000.17.

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TICS AND MINES. one of its clitzens; it is a liability that the court below; the result is, that the larger part of the time of the Supermine was about necessarily. The prison has no sewerage, more than the light of some than the light of some the support of the standard and legal duty, as a question of issues not perticent, when if appellants were required by law to assignment of errors, the court below; the support of the support of the support of the standard delar to the support of the support

The report of Commissioner Killebrew shows that during the two years past, more than seven thous- term of the present lease, it will during the past two years by purchase is, and immigrants have settled in the States through the agency of this Bureau. They have not come as paupers to increase our burdens, but have State needs men of skill, Industry and able to our anterprise in the past; but Bureau are making Tennessee a formidable rival of the States west of us, and with a continuance of present eflation of the State will be lovely in- jurisdiction of the lessees to be main- and I know of no reason why the offices creased.

support of one scholarship for each the road lass come from all parts of very moderate for the service ren-\$2,000,883.64, with a balance in the treasury on the 19th of December, 1876, of \$139,332.19; of this amount of receipts of this amount of receipts of the smount of the smou sult of a system that annexes to the unpaid office of read oversher heavy clothes him with no sufficient authority to secure prompt obedience to his ers, selected by lot from the body of the Justices, who shall have stated meetings and general supervision, of the roads of the counties, with power to appoint and remove overseers, to assess and collect through the overseer a tax from the property and persons of each road district, sufficient in amount to maintain the road in good order, with privilege to the tax-payer to discharge the assessment against him in work upon the road. The County Court should have the power, upon proper complaint, to compel by mandamus the citizens of each road district to comply with the law, and the existing proceeding against the overseer should not be disturbed, but a moderate compensation, fixed by law, should be alwho enjoy this benefit to be qualified lowed for his services. No compensation is necessary for the Commissioners, except that which is now allowed to them for similar services when act-

> RAILROADS. Since the adjournment of the Forti- and the other for \$21,661 73, all due in | wanted is larger appropriations and an amounting to \$316,774.00; the balance tucky and the Memphis, Clarksville the projected improvements, due from purchasers of the Knozville and Louisville Railroads. Upon a de-

ty in taxation is impossible, but the General Assembly can provide for uniformity in
the assessment of property liable to taxathe assessment of the Congress to the courts the government of the congress to the taxathe assessment of the congress to the assessment Ing an increase of 156 in two years, authorities have several times during ditional Hospital for the Insane, is being my official terms of office appealed to damaged by waste and other voluntary in my official terms of office appealed to damaged by waste and other voluntary in the contract of the cont of Universities and Colleges, number about continue, without a legislative con-

tation, which heretofore cost the State

State, and instruction is printing and From 1833, the year of the inaugurashoe making is imparted to a large tion of the Pontentiary system, to and assert the jurisdiction of the Sate. 1865, the average expenditure by the the case of Coleman, convicted of unble service. The relief contributed in per annum, making a total of four Court of the United States; it involves upon the same terms. A conspicuous serhundred and ninety-five thousand the right of a Federal Judge to release dollars; for the su cooding four years, the State paid out for the same pur- Court, because at the date of the compose, the sum of four nundred and mission of the crime, he was a Fedfifty-nine thousand seven hundred eral soldier, although the crime had

When the Penitentiary was calabpresent location was in the country; the State, the credit and honor of every of all facts, material or otherwise, used in ance during the past year; eighty- of the Superintendent of this Bureau, ing city, with no room for its enlarge-

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with their system of instruction, I am confident that it offers advantages the Bureau.

State, for the appropriation made to smount of money; the rental derived surrendered by other States upon my own from the labor of convicts should be demand. appropriated to the purchase of another site, and for the construction of a new prison. In six years, the State Library is 22,000; the number added sum a prison can be constructed cred. | nated, 64. itable to the humanity and character of the State. The necessity for separate have been completed since the adjourn. accommodations for female and juvenconvicts is great and growing or din construction of a new one, provin can be made for thes class of

Upon the abeliance of a convict the

essees furnish him with a suit of othes and transportation to the place of his conviction. I recomment that e be furnished by the State with a ew dollars in money for his subsistence from the prison to his home. In the management of the prison, with the election of their successors. The the convicts employed in different records of these offices should be transparts of the State, with the rights and | ferred to the State Capitol for safe keeping, to the prisoners, the utmest care and | for the State, watchfulness is required of the State One of the most important functions prison officials. The State has under of government is the making provis- pay a Superintendent, Warden, Deputy Warden, Surgeon and Chaplain, statements under oath to the Comptroller who are charged with this great re- of the Treasury for publication. This is a riety that the State of Tomessee has sponsibility, their united salaries matter of grave concern to the public and made a discrepitable fullifier of the state over it to the citizens, to compet the State and to the prisoners, to grants who have grown to be an intoleradispense with any one of these places. | ble nuisance, especially in the districts re-LITIGATION AT WASHINGTON.

penalties for his negligence, but having certified to me his inability to subsistence upon whatever they can exattend to the suits recently tried in the tort by intimidation, from unprotected cit-Supreme Court of the United States, to ) own orders. I submit to the General which the State was a party, because Legislation should be provided for a sum-Assembly the propriety of praviding of the necessity for his attendance up-by law a Buard of Ruad Commission on the Supreme Court of the State, I employed J. B. Heiskell, Esq., to appear for the State, and transmit his report of the result of the litigation, so ar as it has been determined. Among the cases disposed of was the case of Keith vs. Clark, involving the liability I appointed J. B. Turley, Geo. F. Akers of the State to receive the "new issue" notes of the Bank of Tennessee for tax- from Commissioner Akers, replets with es. The judgment of the Supreme valuable suggestions, is transmitted. The Court of the State was reversed, State of North Carolina has made provisand the case remanded to the ion for re-stocking the streams of that April term of the Court at Jack- State with the best varieties of fish, and son. It will be observed from through her Governor, has appealed to the report of Mr. Heiskell, that the tributaries of the Tennessee River. A opinion of the Supreme Court of the small appropriation will be adequate, and United States leaves open the defense the justice of the appeal must be recogthat the "new issue" was in aid of the nized when it is remembered that we are war between the States. It will be the equal, if not the principal beneficiaries necessary for the General Assembly to of the labors of the mother State in growmake provision for Mr. Heiskell's fee ing fish for streams that flow into our own past and future pervices in this case | territory and the cases finally disposed of.

one for \$337,993 73; another \$94 152 85, nal service in their navigation. What Is les pad 201, 265.55.

The tax leviel for the year 1878 amounts to \$223,212.15. Of this amount \$13,286.46 has been pool, showing a balance of \$293,212.15. Of this amount \$13,286.46 has been pool, showing a balance of \$295.68 not collected or paid over. Added to delinquent list of former years, amount in the formation of the first of the same pool of the first of th

receive the convict at the place of con- Revenue Collector is under indictment ing the amount of it, SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, viction and pay the cost of transpor- in the Circuit Court of Macon county The average number of pupils in an average of twelve thousand five where a United States Revenue Col for a felony; one from the 6th Circuit, have been transferred under color of a land, from Canada and from the old world, ville. The State Courts retain juris- generosity that claims recognition from the the Attorney General of the State to murder in the Criminal Court of other States and localities was distributed Knowyllie is pending in the Supreme a prisener on trial in a State resolution of thanks.

over flerses against her own laws. death of its heroic commander. RELATIONS WITH THE STATES. . . Harmonious and cordial relations with other States of the Union have been cultient term, a requisition was made upon me

and his associates of the Faculty, and are alone a full compensation to the expenditure of any considerable ernors of other States, and 219 have been

The present number of volumes in the

THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

ment of the last General Assembly. The plan originally adopted has been substan-tially carried out. The work combines permanence with good taste and is in full harmo y with the Capitol. To Major James Glover, Superintendent of the Capitol, must be accorded the credit of a faith execution of the plans of the artist.

REGISTERS OF THE LAND OFFICE. The official terms of office of the Registers of the Land office for the several years have expired and it will be the duty of the General Assembly to provide for

BANK STATEMENTS. State Banks and Savings Banks should be required by law to make quarterly these institutions to give information as to their condition and operations.

The State is infested with a class of vamote from the towns. They are represented to be persons of a vicious character The Attorney General of the State | who refuse employment, and who rely for izens. Existing statutes afford no suffi-

Under the authority of Senate joint reslution number fifteen, providing for the ppointment of three Fish Commissioners. and W. W. McDowell. A formal report

The Fish Commissioners are not pro-

1866, to favor of the United States; provement of these rivers, has been of sig-

for it at that price. I recommend an amendment of the act providing for a sale of the property at public outers to the highest bidder.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION. Commissioners to this Exposition of the industries of the world were appointed in cotton, tobacco, oats and cotton seed oil, were put upon exhibition. A special medal was awarded to the cotton exhibit, a medal to the collection of agricultural products, and honorable mention was made of the

sick at various points in the injected dis-Cases of unusual importance, one in the hands of the Treasurer, and I retricts. Vouchers for the expenditure are spectfully ask for an appropriation cover-

> CONTRIBUTIONS For the yellow fever sufferers were sent from all parts of our own State. And from the imperial city of New York down to the most unpretending village in the

diction of the person charged with the representatives of a people, upon whom crime until the question of jurisdictions were conferred.

During the prevalence of the late epidemic, these corporations rendered invalwithout charge, and the freest correspondence was permitted by the telegraph lines vice like this should be recognized in a

LIEUT, H. H. BENNER, U. S. ARMY, Commanding the relief boat sent out by

CONCLUSION.

My two terms of office cover the longest period of financial distress known to the history of the State. This condition has